in the these animal studies, appropriate regulatory clearances will be obtained before human phase-I trial is conducted in normal healthy adults (Both Men and Women) at low or no risk of acquiring HIV infection.

Presently there is no call given to youth for participation in the trial.

Radiation therapy machines

565. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that rediation therapy machines in AIIMS and LNJP Hospital are lying idle for a long time;

(b) if so, the reasons for not putting them in operational condition; and

(c) the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) In All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, no radiation therapy machines is lying idle. In LNJP Hospital which is the Govt. of NCT, Delhi the Brachytherapy machine which is 13 year old is not operational with effect from 23-10-2003. Major repairs in that machine have been advised by the Maintenance Engineers.

Protection of patient's rights

566. SHRI R. P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have considered appointing impartial ombudsmen for observers in Government hospitals to protect patients' rights and ensure staff accountability;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the existing machinery to keep a watch on the negligence or improper/inadequate treatment given to patients;

(d) whether the existing machinery is working satisfactorily; and

(e) if not, the steps taken to fine-tune the mechanism for providing better services to the patients and also to ensure greater accountability of the hospital staff?